

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A body fluid absorbing article comprising an absorbent sandwiched between a body fluid permeable surface member and a body fluid impermeable back member, characterized: in that said absorbent includes an upper layer and a lower layer sequentially from the side of said body fluid permeable surface member; and in that said lower layer has a higher density than that of said upper layer.
2. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 1, characterized in that the density of said lower layer is made higher than that of said upper layer by forming ~~intented~~indented recesses in the lower layer of said absorbent.
3. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 1~~-or Claim 2~~, characterized in that said absorbent has said ~~intented~~indented recesses formed in the body side face of said lower layer.
4. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 1~~-or Claim 2~~, characterized in that said absorbent has said ~~intented~~indented recesses formed in the opposite side face of the body side face of said lower layer.

5. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 3 ~~or Claim 4~~, characterized in that the contact portion in said absorbent with said body fluid permeable surface member and the contact portion in said body fluid permeable surface member with said absorbent do not have the clearance, which might otherwise be caused by forming said ~~intended~~indented recesses.

6. (original) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 1, characterized in that said body fluid permeable surface member is either a top sheet to contact with the body or a second sheet sandwiched between said top sheet and said absorbent.

7. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 4 ~~or Claim 5~~, characterized in that said absorbent is not provided, at the portion in said upper layer to contact with said lower layer and at the portion in said lower layer to contact with said upper layer, with the clearance, which might otherwise be caused by forming said ~~intended~~indented recesses.

8. (original) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 1, characterized in that said absorbent is constructed such that at least two side portions of said lower layer are squeezed out from the end portions of said upper layer, and such that said absorbent satisfies relations of  $B > A$  and  $B > C$ , if said upper layer has a density A, if the portion in said lower layer corresponding to said upper layer has a density B, and if the squeeze-out portion of said lower layer has a density C.

9. (original) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 8, characterized in that the density A of said upper layer and the density C of the squeeze-out portion of said lower layer

have a relation of  $C > A$ .

10. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 8 ~~or Claim 9~~, characterized: in that the density A of said upper layer is 20 to 50 Kg/m<sup>3</sup> in that the density B of the portion in said lower layer to correspond to said upper layer is 40 to 120 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>; and in that the density C of the squeeze-out portion of said lower layer is 20 to 80 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

11. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 2, characterized: in that said ~~intended~~indented recesses are the recesses of the emboss pattern formed by an embossing treatment; and in that the recesses of said emboss pattern have an array, in which the shortest mutual distance is 3 mm or less.

12. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 2, characterized in that said ~~intended~~indented recesses are formed into a continuous net shape.

13. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 2, characterized in that said ~~intended~~indented recesses have an emboss percentage of 30 to 55 %, as determined as the ratio of the thicknesses before and after an embossing treatment.

14. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 2, characterized in that said ~~intended~~indented recesses are formed of linear portions having an angle of 45 degrees or less between the inclination direction of said ~~intended~~indented recesses and the longitudinal direction of the article.

15. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 2, characterized: in that said ~~intended~~indented recesses are formed of linear portions having an angle larger than 45 degrees between the inclination direction of said ~~intended~~indented recesses and the longitudinal direction of the article; and in that the linear portions of said article in the longitudinal direction are longer than those of said inclination direction.

16. (currently amended) A body fluid absorbing article as set forth in Claim 2, characterized: in that said ~~intended~~indented recesses are formed of linear portions having an angle larger than 45 degrees between the inclination direction of said ~~intended~~indented recesses and the longitudinal direction of the article; and in that the linear portions of said article in the longitudinal direction are wider than those of said inclination direction.